

Waterdown Boundary Review

Advisory Panel Meeting #3

December 11, 2025

HWDSB
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The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

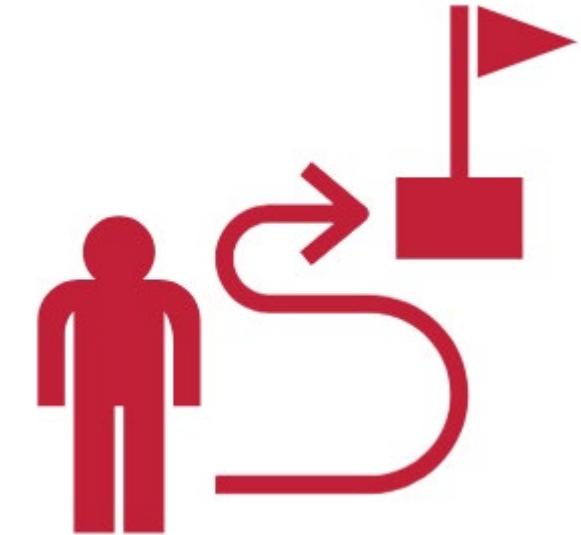
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Agenda

- Housekeeping Items
- Boundary Review Timeline
- Feedback Review
 - Public Meeting Feedback
 - Engage/ Email Comments
- Option Review
 - New consideration for Option 4
- Option Consensus for Final Report

Housekeeping Items

- Advisory Panel Mandate
 - Provide feedback and advice, through the process of discussions and inquiries about HWDSB recommendations and/or information.
- Today's Goals
 - Reviewing Feedback from public meeting and Engage
 - Review Options
 - Option Consensus for Final Report



Housekeeping Items Continued

Meeting Etiquette

- Respect the consensus decision-making model
- Recognize individual views and beliefs
- Balance advocacy for a position while understanding another point of view
- Communicate ideas positively - be hard on the issue but soft on the people
- Trust the intentions and integrity of others
- Build a safe and inclusive “risk-free” environment
- No recording is permitted, minutes and slides will be shared following the meeting
- Rules of the Observers



Timeline



Public Meeting Feedback

Support for French to remain at GB

Support for Option 3, strong support for Option 4

Townhomes at 50 Hamilton Street South

Area south of Highway 5 between Hamilton and Mill Street

Extend Mary Hopkins to serve English Track students in Grades K-5 in 2026/27



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Key Considerations for Boundary Options

Balance of Overall Enrolment

Optimal utilization of 90%-115% and balanced programs.

Temporary Accommodation

Maximize students accommodated in permanent capacity, do not exceed maximum portables on site.

Geographical Area and Barriers

Create geographically contiguous boundaries that consider physical barriers. Create stable long-term boundaries.

Transportation

Maximize safe walkability to schools and cost-effective transportation routes.

Student Experience

Minimize transition for students where possible, strive for K- 8 schools.

Other

Additional criteria based on review area, such as specific facility limitations (septic, well water, site size etc.).

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Option Evaluation

Advisory
Panel
Discussion
And
Community
Feedback



Option 1

- No Legacy consideration
- French Immersion program to Flamborough Centre
- Lines on map includes Howard to Hamilton Street South

Option 2

- French Immersion program to Flamborough Centre
- Lines on map includes Howard to Hamilton Street South

Option 3

- No legacy consideration
- Lines on map includes Howard to Hamilton Street South

Option 4 Summary

1

Lines on the Map



New School Boundary South of Highway 5 to City Limit, from 1-40 Hamilton Street South to Kerns Road

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Legacy Students



Legacy for grades 7-8

- No Transportation provided
- Siblings must attend new school

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French Immersion Programming



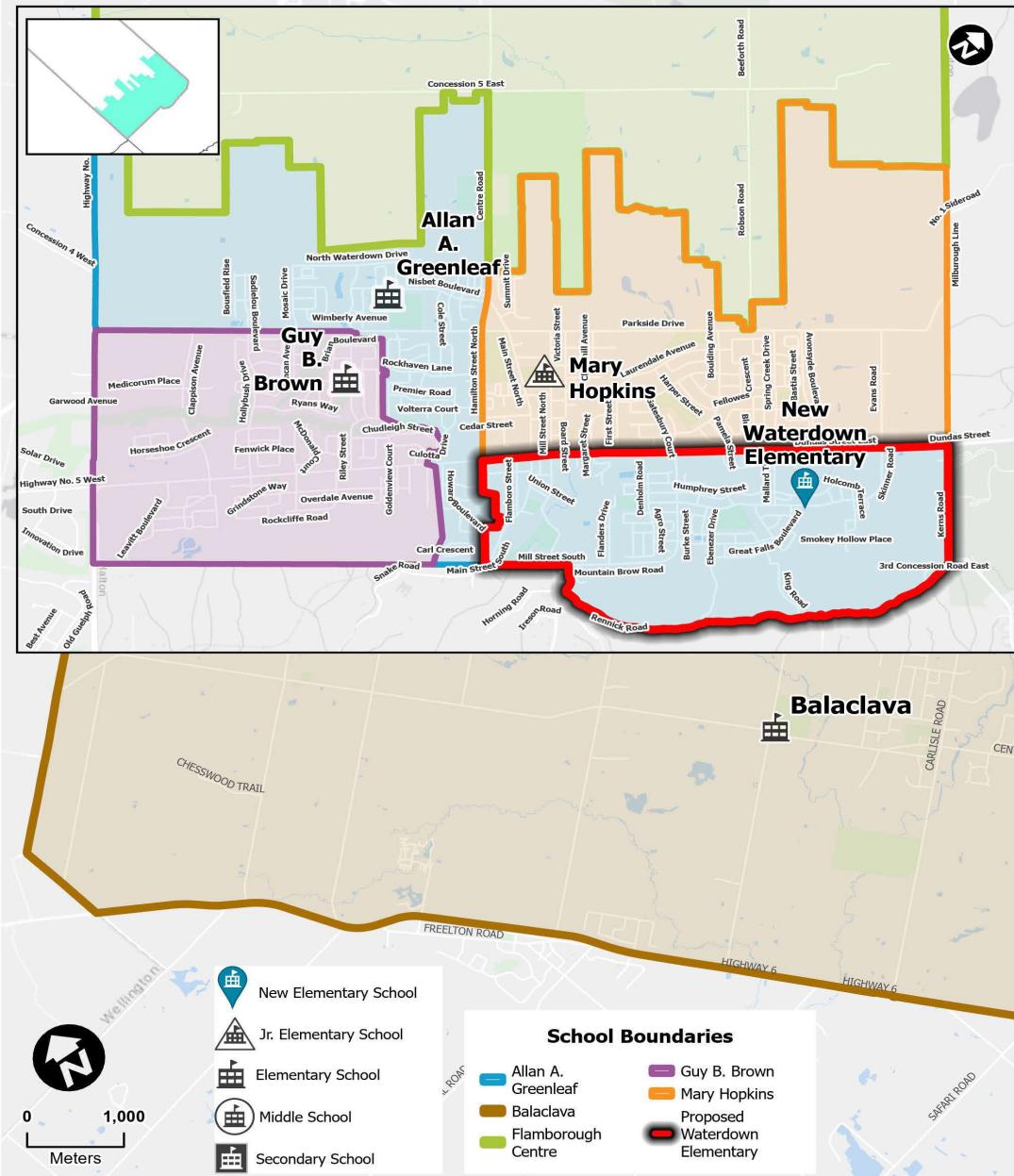
Grade 6-8 French Immersion Program continues at Guy Brown.



2026-2027 Regular Track Grade 5 stay at Mary Hopkins

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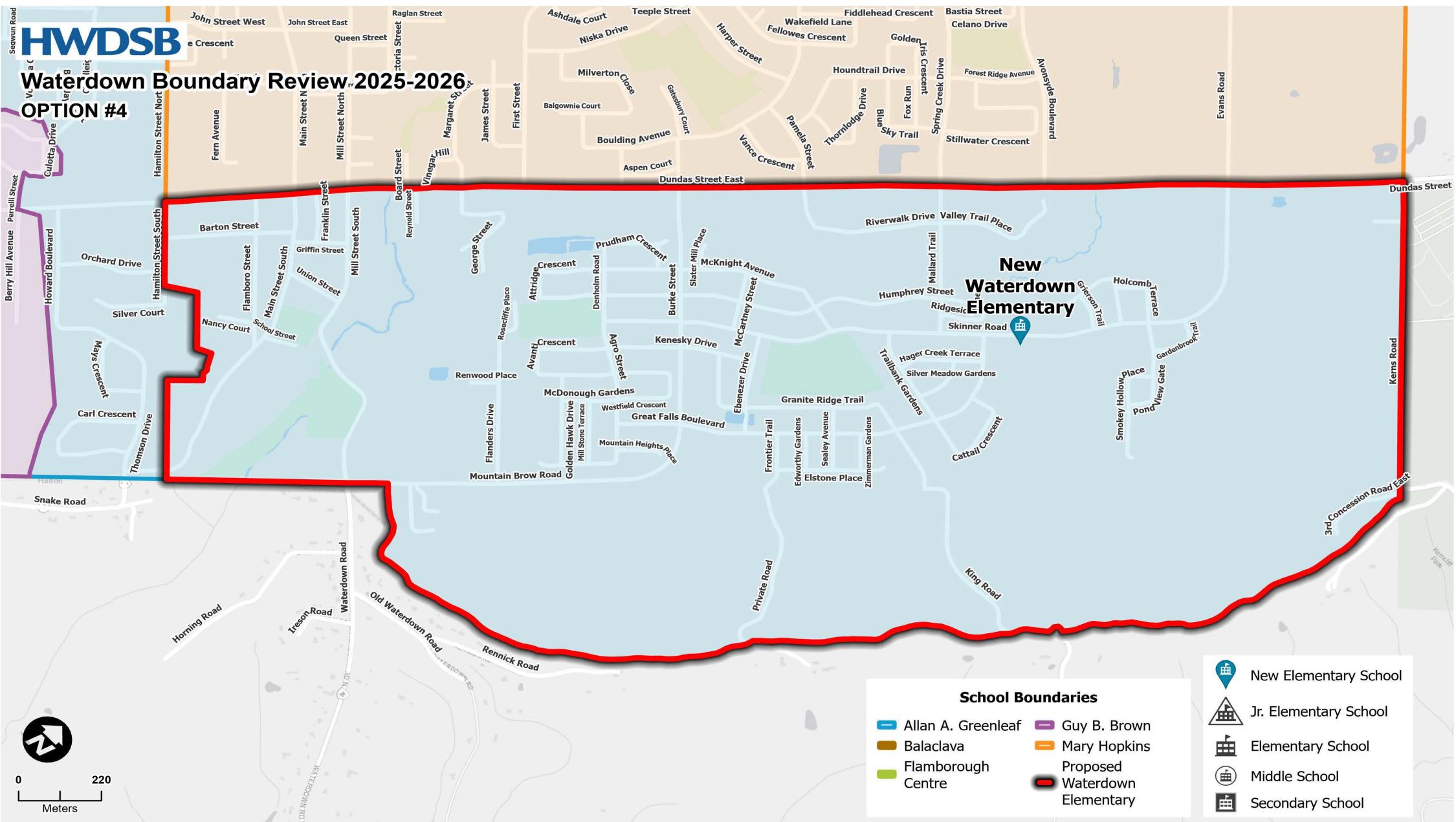
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Waterdown Boundary Review 2025-2026
OPTION #4

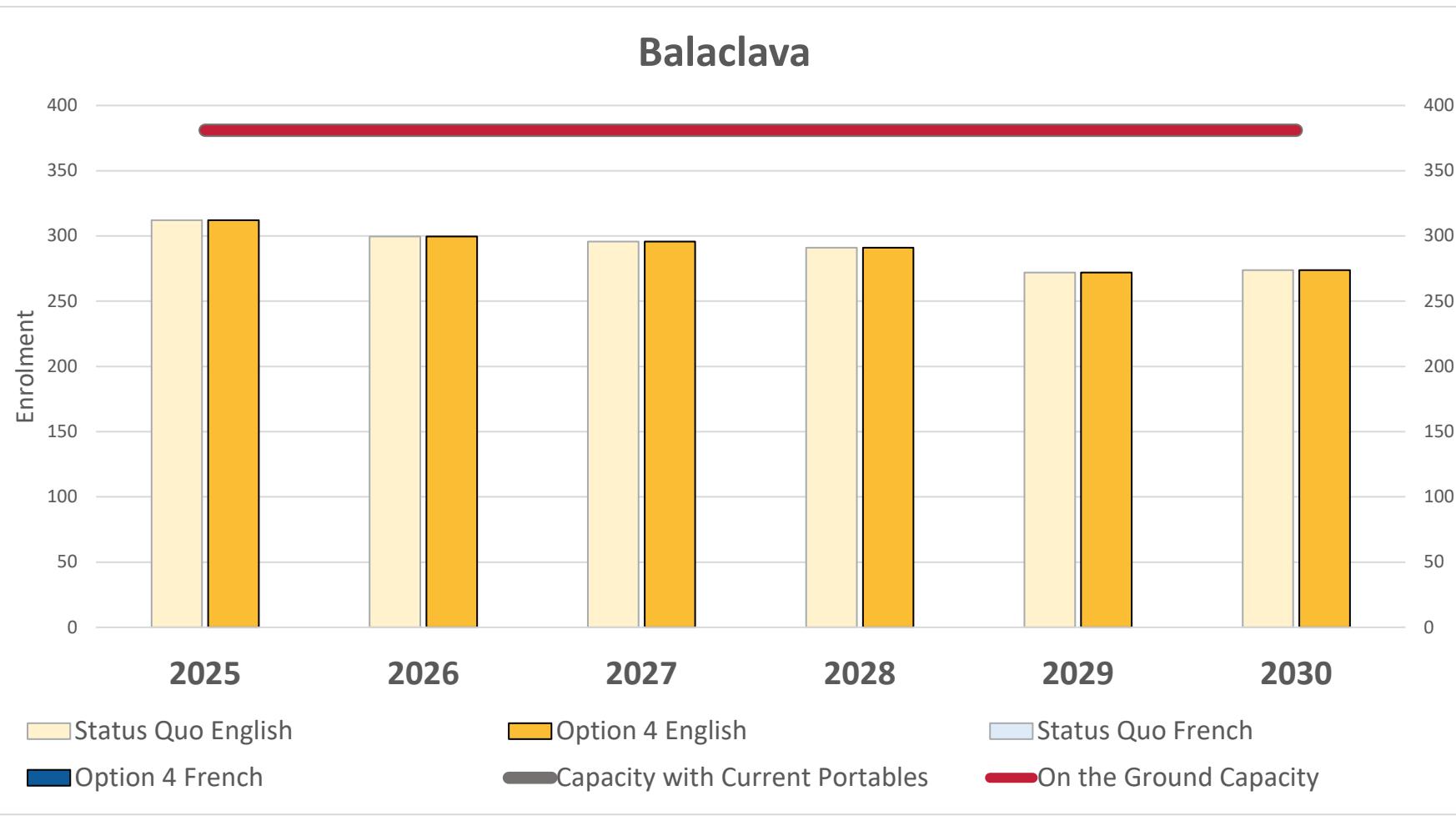
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Option 4 School Projections

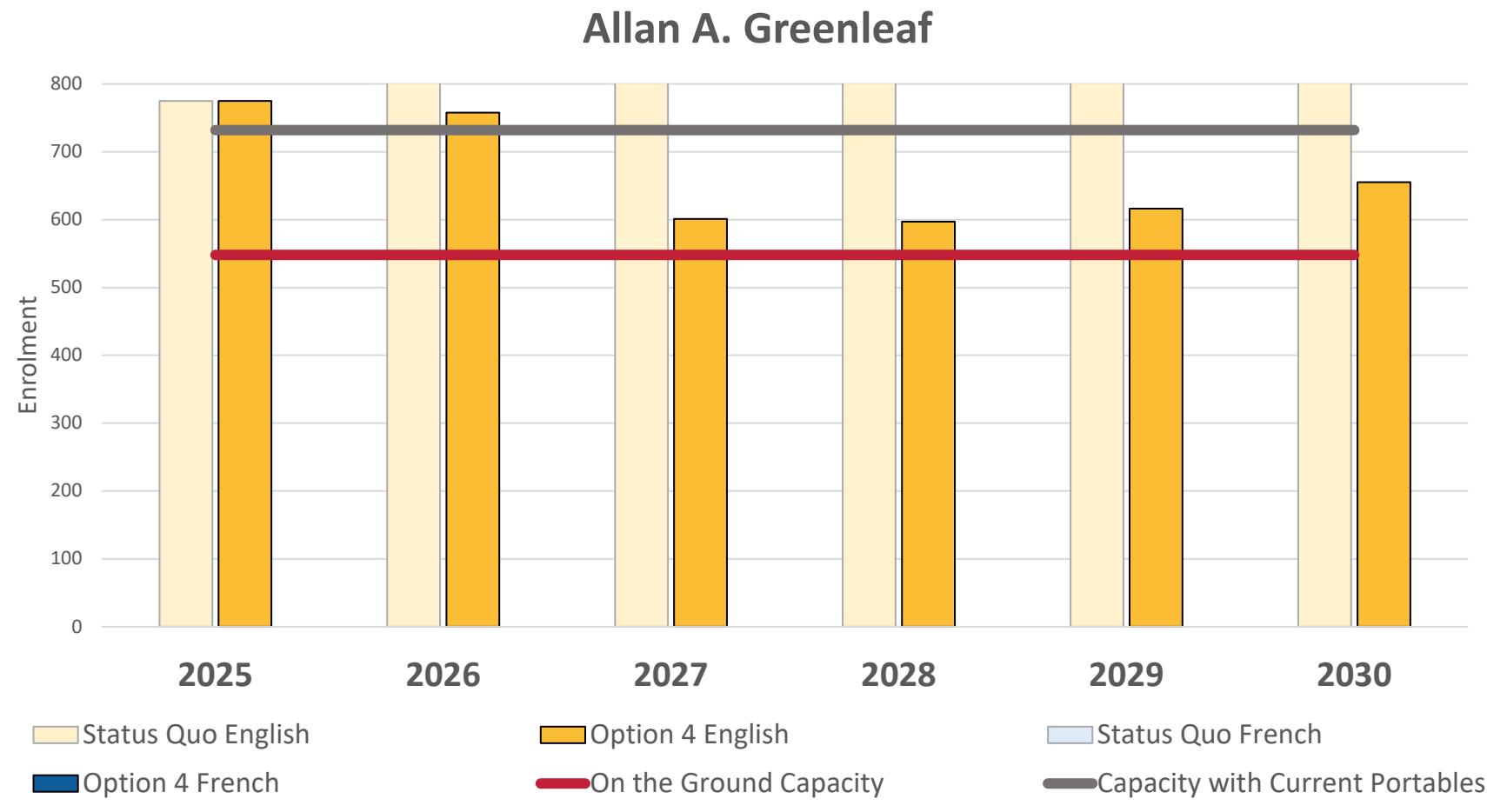


2026-27 Changes: No Change
2027-28 Changes: No
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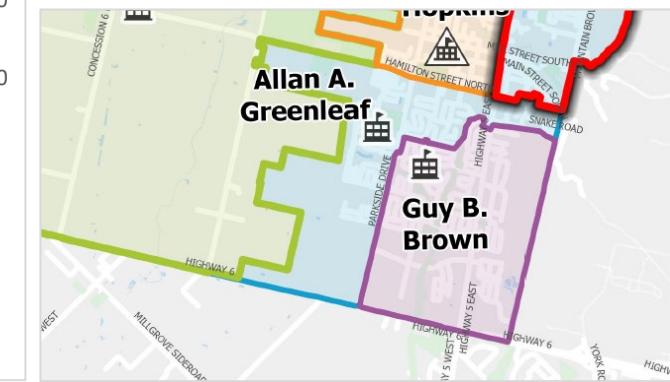
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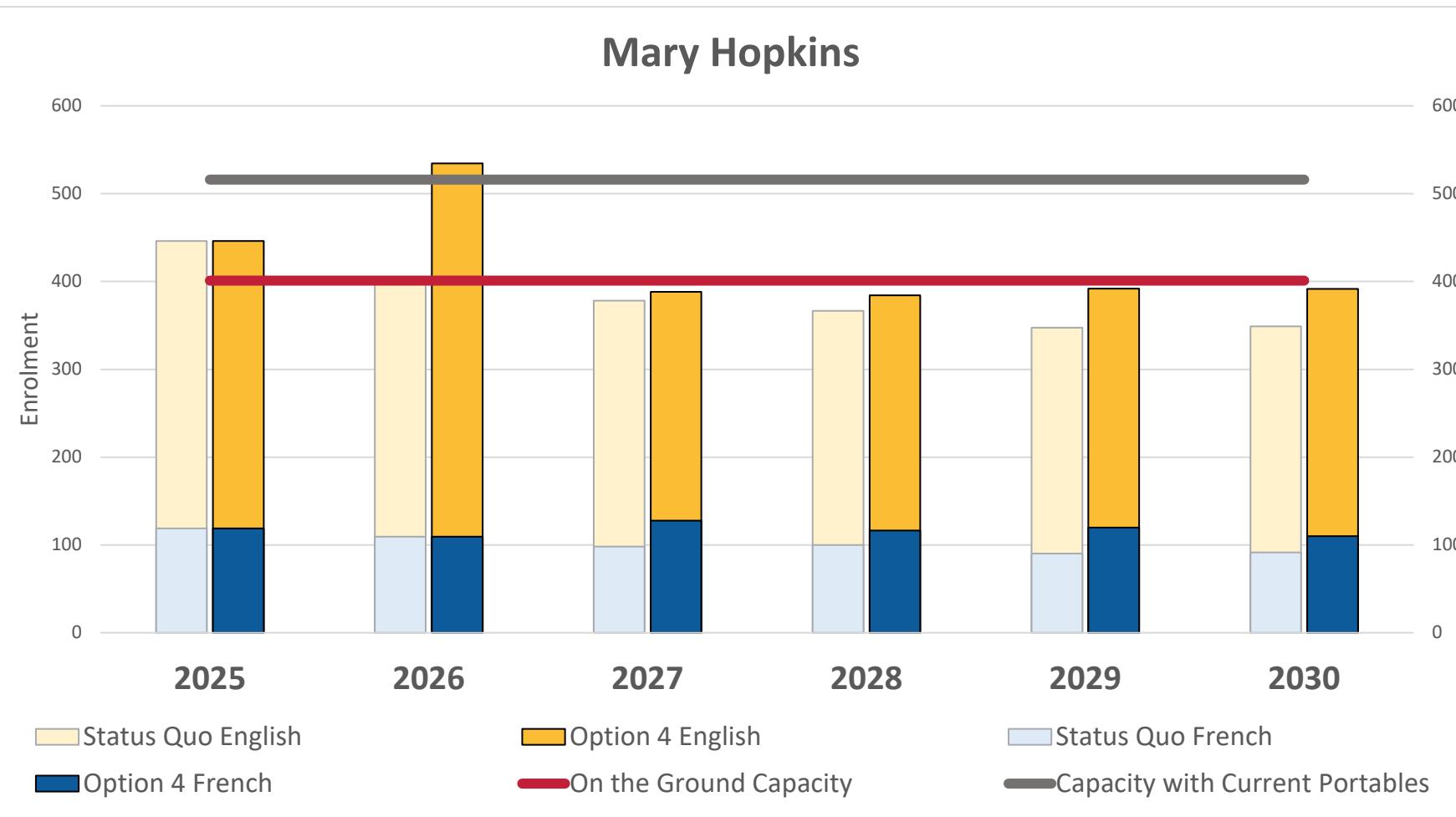
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2027-28 Changes: All RT JK- 6 students South of Hwy 5 and East of Hamilton Street South to new school, 7 & 8s can graduate
- No transportation provided to legacy students
- Siblings must attend new school



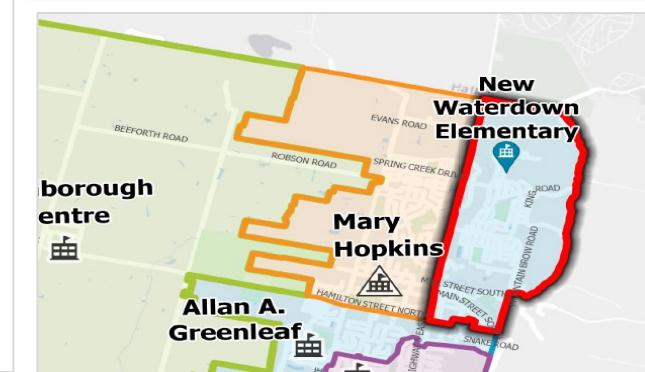
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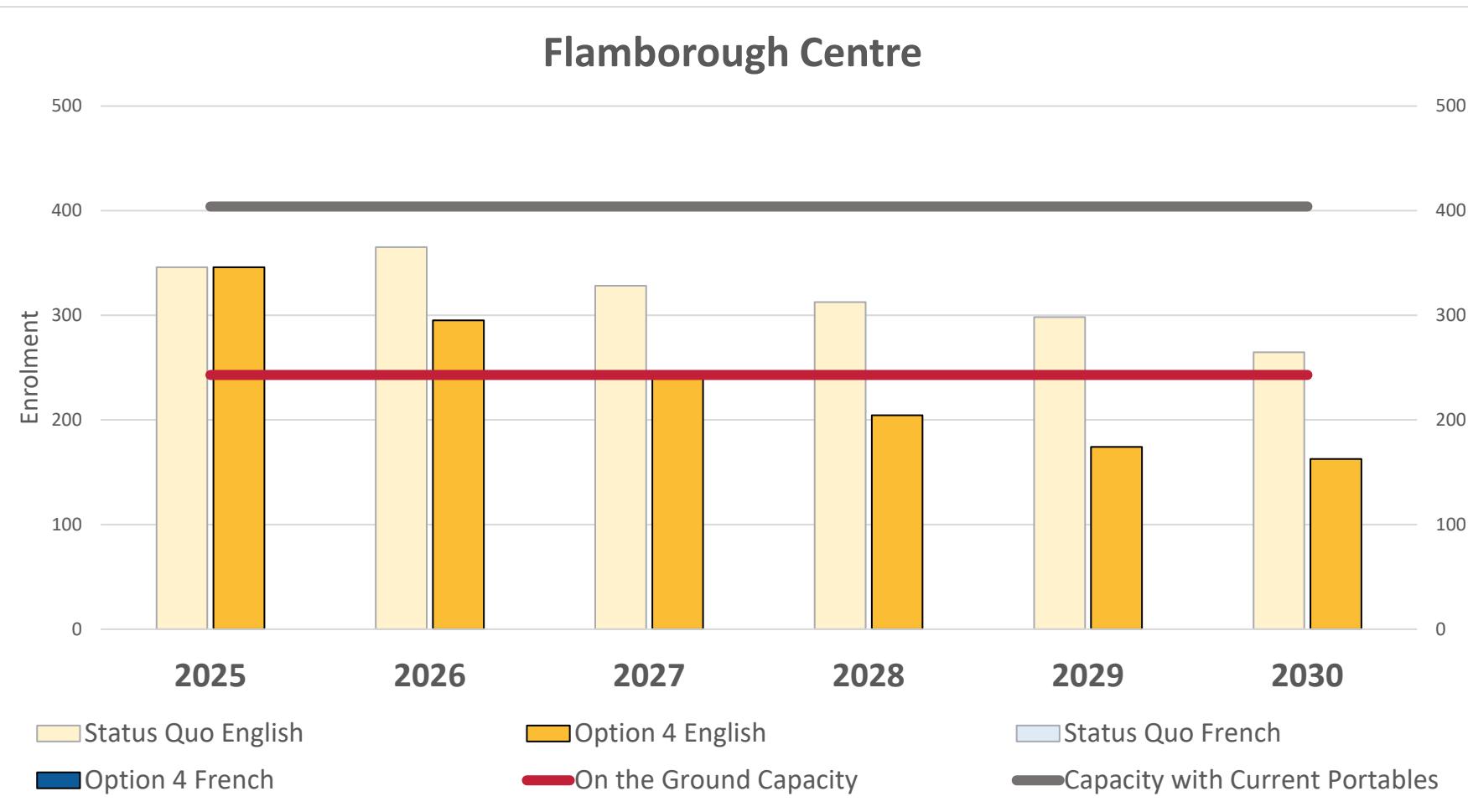
2026-27 Changes: receives new RT JK-4 enrolments South of Hwy 5 from 1-40 Hamilton St S to Kerns Rd Regular Track Grade 5s stay.

2027-28 Changes: JK- 5 dual Track school. Students South of Hwy 5 and East of Hamilton St S. directed to new school.



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Option 4 School Projections



2026-27 Changes: RT Grade 5 remains at Mary Hopkins.

2027-28 Changes: JK- 6 Students South of Hwy 5 from 1-40 Hamilton St S to Kerns Rd directed to new school, 7&8s can stay

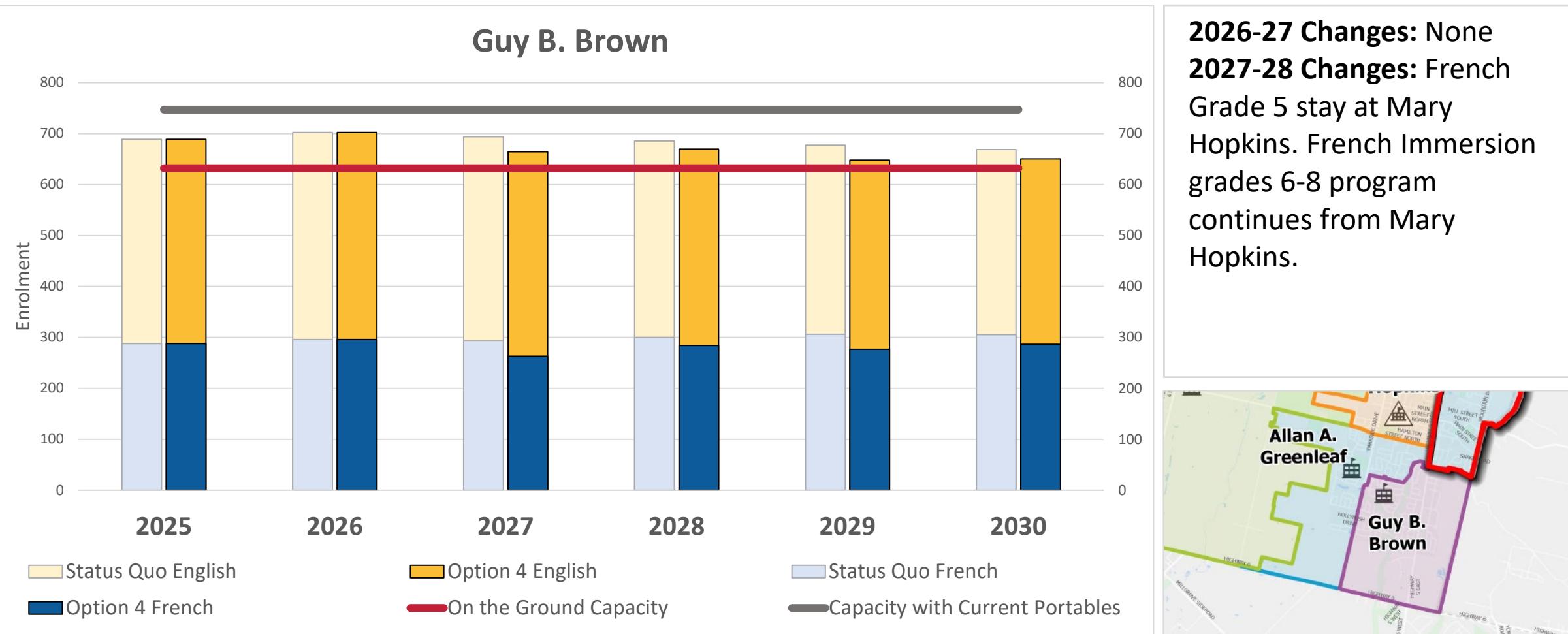
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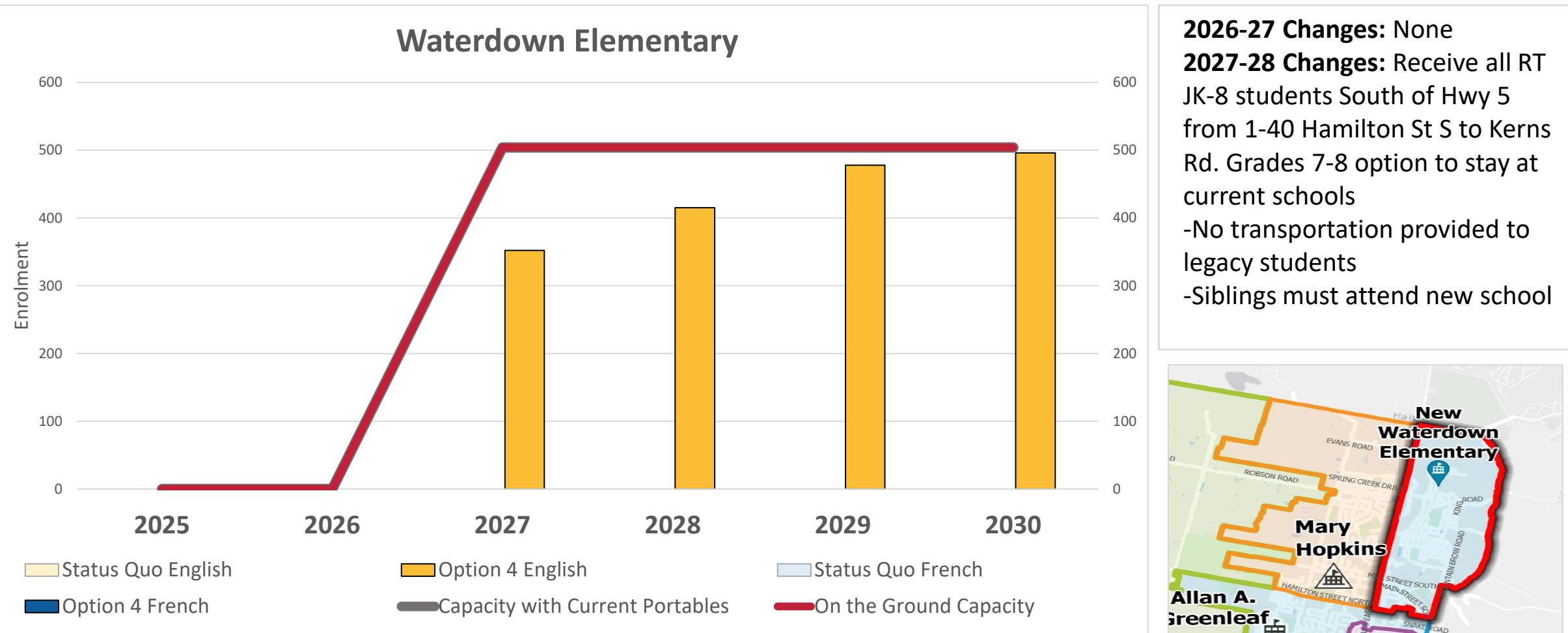
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Next Steps

- Final Report
 - To Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting January 13, 2025, then to Board Meeting for Trustee Decision
 - Report to include:
 - Background
 - Consultation and feedback summary
 - Recommended Option Details
 - Implementation Plan
 - Communication Plan
- Communication to affected families in the new year when final report is complete and posted for Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
- Engage will stay open for feedback until December 19, 2025
- Final opportunity for community feedback could be delegations at the Board meeting once date is set



Questions



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